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Office Action Summary

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Matthew J. Ludwig

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3-14, 16-27 and 29-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 2, 15 and 28 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the RCE file June 28, 2005.
2. Claims 1-39 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 14, and 27, are independent claims.
3. Claims 1-39 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Plantz in view of Doherty have been withdrawn pursuant to applicants amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. **Claims 1, 3-14, 16-27, 29-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doherty ("Project specific Web sites," from Interiors, Vol. 157, March 1998), in view of Glasser et al., USPN 5,956,715 filed (9/23/1996).**

In reference to independent claim 1, Doherty teaches:

An interactive web site hosted on the computer server, wherein the interactive web site is configured to provide access to architectural project information (project specific web site" for "construction" projects) (compare to "the server site has defined user access permissions"). See Doherty, pages 1 and 2. Furthermore, the reference discloses project members of the one or more projects ("members of the project teams") including defining access permissions for project members.

The Doherty reference fails to explicitly state the utilization of an API for obtaining a connection across the internet; however, Glasser discloses the use of API for maintaining connections across a network. Furthermore, the Glasser reference discloses a method for establishing or manipulating access controls for particular network resources, such as files and file folders or directories in a hierarchical file storage system associated with a server computer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art having the teachings of Doherty and Glasser before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the architectural project information and access methods taught by Doherty to include the API and folder access techniques of Glasser because it would have provided the author the advantage of easy, user-friendly navigation across the web site and establishing access restrictions to files stored in a project folder.

In reference to dependent claim 3, Doherty teaches:

All provider services keep back-up copies of your project information, so that it will always be available on the Net no matter when or where you need it. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 4, Doherty teaches:

A user is given limited customization options that allow you to name the project, input contact information for each project team member, and upload project information. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 5, Doherty teaches:

All provider services keep back-up copies of your project information, so that it will always be available on the Net no matter when or where you need it. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 6, Doherty teaches:

The Glasser reference discloses a method for establishing or manipulating access controls for particular network resources, such as files and file folders or directories in a hierarchical file storage system associated with a server computer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art having the teachings of Doherty and Glasser before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the architectural project information and access methods taught by Doherty to include the API and folder access techniques of Glasser because it would have provided the author the advantage of easy, user-friendly navigation across the web site and establishing access restrictions to files stored in a project folder.

In reference to dependent claim 7, Doherty teaches:

A user is given limited customization options that allow you to name the project, input contact information for each project team member, and upload project information. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 8-10, Doherty teaches:

The Glasser reference discloses a method for establishing or manipulating access controls for particular network resources, such as files and file folders or directories in a hierarchical file storage system associated with a server computer. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art having the teachings of Doherty and Glasser before him at the time the invention was made, to modify the architectural project information and access methods taught by Doherty to include the API and folder access techniques of Glasser because it would have provided the author the advantage of easy, user-friendly navigation across the web site and establishing access restrictions to files stored in a project folder.

In reference to dependent claim 11, Doherty teaches:

The reference discloses the maintaining of an activity log that captures site member activities, logs or revisions. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 12, Doherty teaches:

A user is given limited customization options that allow you to name the project, input contact information for each project team member, and upload project information. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to dependent claim 13, Doherty teaches:

Maintaining an activity log that captures site member activities, logs or revisions. See Doherty, page 2 of 2.

In reference to claims 14-26, the claims reflect the methods comprising instructions used for performing similar limitations to those of the apparatus claims, 1-25, respectively, and in further view of the following, are rejected along the same rationale.

In reference to claims 27-39, the claims reflect the article of manufacture embodying an application program interface used for performing similar limitations to those of the apparatus claims, 1-25, respectively, and in further view of the following, are rejected under similar rationale.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 2, 15, and 28, are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 6/28/05 have been fully considered but they are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

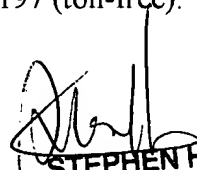
Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew J. Ludwig whose telephone number is 571-272-4127. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Hong can be reached on 571-272-4124.

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